

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended)

A process for the preparation of spherical agglomerates of telithromycin crystals, comprising preparing a suspension of telithromycin crystals, and coating the crystals with a phase in which ~~is insoluble in~~ telithromycin is insoluble from which telithromycin progressively crystallizes.

Claim 6 (previously presented)

The process of claim 5, wherein a solution of telithromycin in acetone is used.

Claim 7 (previously presented)

The process of claim 5, wherein the crystallization takes place in an acetone/isopropyl ether mixture.

Claim 8 (previously presented)

The process of claim 5, where the crystallization is carried out between -5°C and -15°C.

Claims 9 to 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (currently amended)

A method of treating ~~a bacterial infections~~ infection in ~~a humans~~ human comprising administering orally without an unpleasant taste to ~~a humans~~ human in need thereof an antibactericidally effective amount of a ~~compounds~~ compound of a spherical agglomerate of telithromycin crystals surrounded by a layer of at least one polymer.

Claim 16 (currently amended)

A method of forming a micro-encapsulated form of spherical agglomerates of telithromycin comprising surrounding spherical agglomerates of telithromycin with a layer of a polymer to obtain the micro- ~~encapsulation~~ encapsulated form.